



MINUTES
Special Meeting
Reno City Council

Wednesday, February 25, 2015 • 10:00 AM

Reno City Council Chamber, One East First St, Reno, NV 89501

Hillary Schieve, Mayor

Council Members:

Ward 1 – Jenny Brekhus

Ward 4 – Paul McKenzie

Ward 2 – Naomi Duerr

Ward 5 – Neoma Jardon

Ward 3 – Oscar Delgado

At-Large – David Bobzien

Agenda Items

1 Pledge of Allegiance

2 Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Hillary Schieve	Mayor	Present	
Jenny Brekhus	Councilmember	Present	
Naomi Duerr	Councilmember	Absent	
Oscar Delgado	Councilmember	Present	
Paul McKenzie	Councilmember	Present	
Neoma Jardon	Councilmember	Present	
David Bobzien	Councilmember	Present	
Andrew Clinger	City Manager	Present	

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM.

3 Moment of Silence

4 Public Comment

Randy Canale (1456 Winterwood Avenue) and Freddy Sheehan (1110 Greg Street), discussed their concerns about plumbing license requirements.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUERR PRESENT AT 10:44 A.M.

Jeff Church, renocop@earthlink.net, discussed NRS 617 and Heart/Lung insurance requirements.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUERR ABSENT AT 10:49 A.M.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, presented his views on several issues.

5 Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action) - February 25, 2015.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Paul McKenzie, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Oscar Delgado, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Brekhus, Delgado, McKenzie, Jardon, Bobzien
ABSENT:	Naomi Duerr

- 6 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Interviewing of Finalists, discussion and possible appointment of a City Clerk pursuant to Reno City Charter Sec. 1.090, which Finalists were selected from the following pool of applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Brown, Buffy Jo; Cafferata-Jenkins, Caren; Chaump, Michael; Lawson, Cherry L.; Turney, Ashley D.; or Valdez, Louie. This item was continued from the February 11, 2015 Reno City Council meeting. 10:51 AM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council conduct interviews of Finalists in accordance with the process previously determined by Council, and select one Finalist for appointment to the position of City Clerk.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve appoint _____ to the position of City Clerk.

Mayor Schieve called for public comment.

The following two (2) individuals presented Public Comment Forms in support of Michael Chaump, but did not wish to speak: 1) Luci Ramos, 8018 Anchor Point Drive; and 2) Amber Drlik, 6303 Park Place.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, spoke in support of Michael Chaump.

Renee Rungis, Director of Human Resources, stated that she received an email from Caren Cafferata-Jenkins who was unable to make the meeting today because of a prior engagement in Carson City but is still interested in the position. Ms. Rungis reminded the Council that Mr. Valdez has withdrawn from the process. The three candidates present today are Buffy Jo Brown, Michael Chaump, and Ashley Turney.

Council Member Brekhus spoke about the importance of the City Clerk's duties and expressed support for Buffy Jo Brown.

COUNCIL MEMBER DUERR PRESENT AT 10:56 A.M.

Mayor Schieve thanked all of the candidates for being patient through this process.

Council Member McKenzie expressed support for Ashley Turney.

Council Member Bobzien expressed support for Buffy Jo Brown.

All of the Council Members commented on the quality of all of the final candidates for the City Clerk position.

A motion was made by Council Member Brekhus, seconded by Council Member Bobzien, to appoint Buffy Jo Brown as City Clerk.

Motion failed.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [2 TO 5]
MOVER:	Jenny Brekhus, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Bobzien, Councilmember
AYES:	Jenny Brekhus, David Bobzien
NAYS:	Schieve, Duerr, Delgado, McKenzie, Jardon

Motion: Motion

A motion was made by Council Member Delgado, seconded by Council Member McKenzie, to appoint Ashley Turney as City Clerk.

Motion carried.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Oscar Delgado, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Paul McKenzie, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Brekhus, Duerr, Delgado, McKenzie, Bobzien
NAYS:	Neoma Jardon

Motion: Motion

Council Member Brekhus asked about the normal process for a reference check as a matter of practice.

Ms. Rungis stated that normally for a management position reference checks are done on the references provided by the candidate. An outside firm is contracted to verify education, employment records, and civil and criminal court issues.

Council Member Brekhus suggested that Council direct Human Resources to conduct that standard reference check and provide a memo back to Council.

Council Members Jardon and Duerr spoke in support of a reference check.

A motion was made by Council Member Brekhus, seconded by Council Member Duerr, to direct staff to accomplish the routine reference check on Ms. Turney and provide the results to Council prior to the next regular Council meeting.

Motion carried.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jenny Brekhus, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Brekhus, Duerr, Delgado, McKenzie, Jardon, Bobzien

- 7 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Update, discussion and potential direction regarding reinstatement of Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NABs). This item was continued from the February 11, 2015 Reno City Council meeting. 11:15 AM

Recommendation: Staff recommends that Council accept the staff report and approve the recommendation to implement the revised Neighborhood Advisory Board Program.

Proposed Motion: I move to accept the staff report and approve staff's recommendation.

Mayor Schieve called for public comment.

Greg and Kathy Potnick, P.O. Box 466, Verdi, spoke in support of the Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NAB) and expressed interest in having Verdi included in the process.

Jay Kolbet-Clausell, 4869 Eaglewood Court, spoke in support of the NABs.

Deanna Gescheider, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, presented information from the Staff Report on this item. Topics reviewed included background, objectives, and the structure of the NABs.

Council Member McKenzie asked if the limit of two terms will apply to previous NAB members. Ms. Gescheider stated the program was left as flexible as possible for input from the Council. There is no legal requirement regarding the term limitations from the previous version of NABs to the current version of NABs. Under Council's direction, staff can draft a resolution that speaks directly to the question on whether old NAB members can be appointed to the new NABs.

Council Member Bobzien agreed that previous members of the old NABs should be allowed to be appointed to the new NABs.

Council Member Duerr discussed the possibility of having more than five members on a NAB. Council Member Duerr also discussed the issue of representation for Washoe County residents that was discussed by Verdi residents during public comment, and suggested the possibility of holding joint meetings with Council Advisory Boards (CABs) and NABs in areas like Verdi.

Council Member Delgado asked about the difference in the budget from the Staff Report and what was presented. Ms. Gescheider stated that the \$25,000 difference would be used to launch the program if the launch is moved into the next fiscal year.

Council Member Jardon asked if the Council Members will each select the NAB member for their Ward or if the Council as a whole would be selecting the members for each NAB. Ms. Gescheider stated that each Council Member will select their own NAB members and it will be approved by the Council as a whole.

Council Member Jardon discussed the importance of addressing the issue regarding meeting the needs of the Verdi community. Ms. Gescheider stated she will address that issue by meeting with Community Development as well as getting together with the County and will follow up with Council in a memo with a recommendation on how to address the concerns.

Bill Thomas, Assistant City Manager, stated that the challenge would be with the open meeting law. The bigger the Board is, the more likely it is that there will not be a quorum. There may need to be five formal Reno NAB members but the Board could be a larger group that includes County residents participating.

Council Member Jardon stated the answer may not necessarily be a larger NAB or the same structure as the NABs but the issue needs to be addressed and there needs to be a communication flow from the City to the residents of Verdi. Mr. Thomas stated that one of the good things in the program presented tonight is that staff is expanding the means and efforts to communicate with people. If it is successful, there will be many people participating regularly at the NAB meetings and the issue of whether they live in the County or the City becomes moot.

Council Member Brekhus discussed the need to include products, deliverables, and focus for each of the individual Wards.

Mayor Schieve called for public comment.

Bill Thornton, Reno resident, asked that the record from his previous NAB be preserved.

Eddie Lorton, Reno resident, spoke in support of NABs and term limits.

Jeff Church, Reno resident, presented a Public Comment Form, but did not speak.

Council Member Jardon discussed the issue of addressing Verdi residents' concerns if they cannot be members of the NAB.

Council Member McKenzie stated that a project is not approved by the NAB, and whether there is a voting member of the County on the NAB or not would not be an issue. Staff has heard Council's concerns and can work on addressing those issues.

A motion was made by Council Member McKenzie, seconded by Council Member Bobzien, to accept the report and direct staff to move forward with implementation of the revised Neighborhood Advisory Board program.

Council Member Duerr expressed concerns regarding the developers not being required to attend the NAB meetings when their projects are on the agenda. Fred Turnier, Community Development Director, stated that because of the timing of NAB meetings a full analysis of projects is not ready yet, so staff would focus on the facts of a proposal. Any development projects or development-related items would automatically be put on a NAB agenda. The developer is encouraged to attend but if they do not, staff would be present to discuss the process.

Motion carried.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Paul McKenzie, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Bobzien, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Brekhus, Duerr, Delgado, McKenzie, Jardon, Bobzien

- 8 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation and acceptance of Core Services Review: Public Works and Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Report from Novak Consulting, discussion and potential direction to staff. This item was continued from the February 11, 2015 Reno City Council meeting. 12:14 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Council accept the report.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

COUNCIL MEMBERS BOBZIEN AND DELGADO ABSENT AT 12:14 P.M.

Council Member Brekhus expressed interest in hearing the Parks and Recreation Commission's thoughts on this report. Council Member Brekhus also requested information on how the organizational shifts that are recommended will be addressed.

Council Member McKenzie stated that by accepting this report Council accepts the fact that there are recommendations and they will be addressed during the budgetary process. City Manager Clinger confirmed that staff will utilize this report when bringing recommendations to Council during the budget process.

COUNCIL MEMBER DELGADO PRESENT AT 12:19 P.M.

Council Member Brekhus stated that she would like to advocate for the citizens who give up a lot of time for the Parks and Recreation Commission and give them a chance to review the report.

COUNCIL MEMBER BOBZIEN PRESENT AT 12:20 P.M.

Mayor Schieve called for public comment.

Jim Gallaway, 50 North Sierra Street #1011, commented on Operational Recommendations 23 and 24 in the Staff Report.

The Council accepted the report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Paul McKenzie, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Brekhus, Duerr, Delgado, McKenzie, Jardon, Bobzien

9 Public Comment

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

10 Adjournment (For Possible Action)

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:22 P.M.